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## Arab aid moves Lebanese economy

BEIRUT, Sept. 6 (AP) — Recent injections of \$133 million in Arab money have given new life to Lebanon's efforts to rebuild an economy ravaged by the 1975-76 civil war.

"There is barely a single project that is not moving ahead," said Muhammad Attallah, head of the Council of Development and Reconstruction in an interview in his ultramodern office at the Baabda presidential palace.

Arab states, at a summit conference in Tunis in November 1979, pledged \$2 billion over the next five years. Unlike previous such promises, Attallah said, the commitments are being met.

So far this year, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar have sent checks while Libya and Algeria continued to hold back, he said.

The Arab money will be added to nearly half billion dollars in loans negotiated since the end of the war, but even so it is far short of the \$9 billion Attallah said is needed to put Lebanon back on its feet.

Nineteen months of civil war between Muslims and Christians in this nation of 3 million destroyed \$2.2 billion in property and resulted in \$2.5 billion in lost income, the government has estimated.

About 15,000 homes were totally or partially demolished, in addition to roads, water systems, electrical plants, schools and hospitals, officials say.

Beirut's commercial district, which earned the nation a reputation as the Switzerland of the Middle East, remains a ghost town where grass grows in the streets and snipers roam at will.

Attallah concedes the security situation in Lebanon remains "terrible" and the rivalries of political groups on both sides of the divided country hampering government efforts to launch reconstruction projects.

"If a road is built on the Christian side, then one has to be started on the Muslim side," said one Western banker involved in the ongoing fighting.

### Settlers of occupied Palestine

## 'Dirty Jews in Russia are dirty Russians in Israel'

By Alan Elsner

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6 (R) — Israel, a country built up by mass immigration over 35 years, has been thrown into turmoil by a revolt of Soviet newcomers embittered by life in occupied Palestine. Last week, Arkady Zitserman, a 56 year-old oil engineer who had failed to find a permanent job after two years in the country, leaped to his death from the roof of his absorption center in Haifa.

Angry Russians in Haifa and other towns threw management officials out of their absorption centers and declared a strike. They accused the government of failing to provide them with proper work and housing. The strike sent shock through the country. Immigration has always been regarded here as vital for Israel's long-term survival and all political parties pay lip service at least to the ideal of attracting the Jewish people to their ancient homeland.

The deal has been severely dented in

recent years when two thirds of all Russian Jews leaving the Soviet Union with Israeli visas have opted for other destinations such as the United States, Canada, Australia and European countries.

In Israel, these people are called "drop outs" and regarded as little better than traitors.

The immigrants' strike has already received wide publicity in the Soviet Union and fears were expressed in Israel that this would further hit immigration. "The situation plays into the hands of the Russians. They could use this as a cynical excuse to shut the gates to Jews," Yosef Tekoa, honorary chairman of the Russian Immigrants Association and a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations said in an interview.

"There could be a terrible explosion here if they suffer any more. We will bring a tragedy on the state and on Russian Jewry through our stupidity." But Tekoa's accusations were

angrily denounced by Absorption Minister David Levy. He accused Tekoa, a member of the opposition Labor Party, of trying to make political capital out of the strike and said he would close down the absorption centers if they became hotbeds of anti-government unrest.

In the past decade, about 250,000 Jews have left Russia. 50,000 found their way to Israel. The peak years for immigration were 1972 and 1973 when about 64,000 arrived.

But in recent years, the Russian Jews have increasingly opted for other destinations. Israel says this gives the Soviet authorities an excuse to slow down emigration. This year, according to Israeli figures, only about 25,000 Jews will leave the Soviet Union if current trends continue.

Russian Jews leaving the Soviet Union are taken to Vienna where they tell officials where they wish to go. The Jewish Agency makes considerable efforts to persuade them to opt for the Jewish state but officials have reported that many Russian Jews have a negative image of Israel.

Jewish agency chairman Arie Dulzai has been campaigning for a year to ban other Jewish aid and welfare organizations, such as the Hebrew Immigration and Aid Society (HIAS) which help Jews not coming to Israel, from Vienna. But his campaign has not really won any support.

Those Jews who choose Israel are flown in within 48 hours of arriving in Vienna. The others, between 65 and 62 per cent in recent months, are taken to Rome where they wait for visas for the countries of their choice. It takes about six weeks to receive a visa from the U.S. and up to six months for Australia.

"When the refugees reach their final destination, they often have to accept that they may not get the jobs for which they were qualified back home and that it is not easy."

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one HIAS welfare worker said.

"Those that come to Israel are sent to absorption centers where they live in small apartments for five months. During this time, they go through Hebrew language courses and are helped find jobs.

The immigrants on strike in Haifa say that they have been unable to find work and accommodation in the same place. Boris Litvinov, a musician Kishinev, has been living in a small room of the absorption center with his wife and small daughter for over two years. He described living conditions as "worse than for an animal" and said he had almost lost hope in Israel.

"If they would come to me and say there is one single place in the country where you can both work and live, I would take it tomorrow. But where there is work, there is nowhere to live and where there is accommodation, there is no work," he said.

"If only they told me that things were difficult at the moment but they were building so that in a year or two there would be apartments. But even this isn't happening. So there is no hope, no strength left."

He also complained of anti-Russian feeling in Israel. "I feel like a stranger. In Russia, they called me a dirty Jew. Here I am a dirty Russian," he said. This was underlined by Tekoa. "My heart breaks when I see how the state is treating the Russians. It is enough to see how Jewish Agency officials treat them. When they are finally driven to complaining, they ask them, 'who told you to come here anyway?'"

### Work to begin on 10 outposts

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6 (AP) Israel will begin work soon on the "final" 10 Jewish settlements that will complete the government's program for building outposts in the occupied West Bank of Jordan, officials said Friday. Approval for work to begin on six settlement sites was given by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's cabinet two weeks ago, and officials said they were expecting the cabinet to give the green light on the other four within a few weeks.

The officials, who are planners in the agriculture ministry responsible for the settlements, refused to identify the new sites because they said there were still problems in finding government-owned land on which to build.

### Kuwaiti C-130 crashes; eight on board killed

KUWAIT, Sept. 6 (AP) — Five Kuwaiti army majors were among the eight persons killed in the crash of a C-130 Hercules transport plane in southern France, the defense ministry announced Saturday. The announcement said the plane crashed "due to adverse weather conditions" while on a flight from London to Athens, Greece Friday.

Two of the other victims were Kuwaiti corporals, while the third was identified only as an officer.

## Charter says PLO only representative of Palestine people

JEPPAH, Sept. 6 (R) — A meeting of Palestinian Arab leaders Saturday published the draft of a proposed charter declaring the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the only legal representative of the Palestinian people. The meeting, attended by Palestinian mayors, members of the Knesset (parliament) and other representatives of the 600,000 Israeli Palestinian population prepared the document to be presented to the conference of Palestinian Arabs due to be held later this year.

The draft charter opposed Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, the negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States on autonomy for the occupied areas. It also demanded equal rights for Palestinian Arabs.

Israel passed a law last month making it a "criminal offense" to express support for the PLO.

In Cairo meanwhile, Egypt, Israel and the United States have set Oct. 15 as a preliminary date for starting their talks in Washington or New York to prepare for a Camp David-style summit, the semi-official newspaper *Al Ahram* reported Saturday. The newspaper quoted Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali as saying the preliminary date was suggested by U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz during his recent visit to the region.

Ghali also said that the U.S. senior negotiator James Leonard would come to Cairo after completing his talks in Israel to continue discussions of the problems hindering the peace process.

He said a special Egyptian committee had been formed to discuss a document left here by Linowitz containing ideas on tackling the issues dividing Egypt and Israel.

An Egyptian working paper would be presented to the U.S. side after President Anwar Sadat had approved it. It would be based on the Egyptian position that east Jerusalem is an Arab city, that building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories was illegal and that the Palestinians had the right to self-determination.

Boutros Ghali said the paper would make it clear that Egypt rejected the Israeli Knesset measure making Jerusalem, including the eastern sector, the eternal capital of Israel.

Boutros Ghali's remarks to the new paper made no reference to the resumption of the suspended Palestinian autonomy talks.

Linowitz in a statement made here on behalf of Egypt and Israel said they had agreed to resume the autonomy talks at a "mutually agreed date."

Also Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak Saturday gave Pope John Paul a personal letter from President Anwar Sadat during a private audience at the Pope's summer residence, Vatican sources said. No details of the half hour audience were released but the sources said the letter referred to Israel's measure declaring Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

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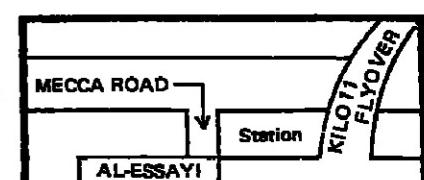
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## Salman says oil reserves plentiful

RIYADH, Sept. 6 (SPA) — The Governor of Riyadh has disputed reports that the Kingdom has only 25 years of proven oil reserves, saying instead that the oil here would last for hundreds of years.

Prince Salman, speaking to Saudi Arabian students in Denver, Colo., said experts realize the great volume of oil that lies still untapped in Saudi Arabia. Now, the country produces about 9.5 million barrels of oil daily, with its reserves said to be in the billions of barrels.

Prince Salman is touring the United States to meet with students from the Kingdom, talking to them about their country and answering their questions.

He said that the present rate of oil production, highest in the country's history, is necessary because of the current development plans here. "We may push ahead with the many projects covered by them (the plans)," he told students.

The government was taking care to develop the entire country, the prince explained, so that it may reduce the rate of population shift from the rural areas to big cities.

"We are developing fast," he said, "while at the same time controlling inflation which it on time reached 40 per cent before dropping to seven or eight per cent."

The economic welfare of the world is considered as the government plans its oil policies, the prince said. Especially important are considerations for the developing nations, who rely heavily on oil imports to

fuel their industrial growth.

"We can reduce oil production," Prince Salman said, "but this would adversely affect our development plans." Therefore, he explained the government raises production to a certain level so that it would serve its own interests better and boost the rate of development here. Once the government decides it would be in its political and economic interest to lower the oil production, it would do so, he said.

Speaking on other matters, Prince Salman pointed out that the basic system of law announced by King Khaled last year would not be a constitution as such, for the Kingdom's basic law is the Quran. King Khaled has promised a basic system of government, a consultative council and a provincial system as well.

The consultative council will be formed of various educated men, nominated by the King, to advise him on matters of state. A committee under Prince Naif, the interior minister, was formed to draw up details for the three systems.

"These systems require a great deal of study and preparation," said Prince Salman, noting that no time limit has been set for the review. All existing laws and regulations will be incorporated in the basic system of government, he said.

The Kingdom may embark on a plan for compulsory military training, the Prince also said. The council of ministers now is studying that issue. However, few details are available now.

Prince Salman said the call for jihad, or a holy struggle to regain the city of Jerusalem from Israeli control, is not a new one, and similar calls have been made before by Saudi Arabian rulers. Crown Prince Fahd called for jihad last month following the formal annexation of Jerusalem and the declaration by Israel that the holy city was the eternal and undivided capital of the Jewish state.

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King Abdul Aziz made the call in 1947 and 1948, and it was reiterated in 1969 by King Faisal after the fire in the holy mosque of Aqsa.

Both war, and political and economic restraint should be prepared, Prince Salman said, "because what was taken by force must be regained by force."

If the Arabs can reconcile their differences, the prince noted, they would become a serious force throughout the world. He made it clear that the problem with Israel is not only the occupied Golan Heights of Syria or the Sinai in Egypt, but also Palestine — the central issue in the whole question.

Saudi Arabia believed the Camp David accords will not achieve the Arab objectives, he said. Since the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, sponsored by the United States, did not deal with the Palestinian problem, the Arab states rejected the agreement.

"Although President Sadat of Egypt had promised to uphold Arab rights during his visit to Jerusalem, he did not, and in fact (ignored) them especially regarding Palestine and Jerusalem," the prince said.

### Comment

By Nasser Al-Qar'awi  
Al-Riyadh

The appearance of pomp and show in some members of society makes one wonder whether it is the natural outcome of their social advancement or it is just a temporary phenomenon brought to prominence by the economic boom in the country. I just fail to understand the social level they have achieved or the role they have played in life that entitles them to show all this vanity with so much etiquette and protocol. In fact, they don't fit into this kind of deportment for they have not been used to it in their own society. This kind of phenomenon tends to create a divergence between their social level and the level of this type of etiquette.

Such people could have easily gone step by step toward cultural advancement leaving all manifestations of pomp and vanity. It must be borne in mind that the ordinary citizen who has not been blessed with liberal financial resources develops a feeling of degradation, and sometimes even develops a negative attitude toward this category of vainglorious people.

It becomes, therefore, binding on the affluent class to realize the material contrast and social disparity with the ordinary citizens who are invariably in the majority. There are such families which don't differentiate between the necessities and luxuries, while there are still others which concern themselves with nothing but a sufficient means for their living.

The affluent people should, therefore, try to avoid embarrassing themselves and the great majority of the society, remembering well that social relationship and family cords would never encourage such manifestations to flourish. The whole matter will remain subjected to some kind of a quantitative and proportional conformity between the social level and the social ties which govern the relations among the people of a single society.

## Health school application deadline drawing near

RIYADH, Sept. 6 (SPA) — The Ministry of Health announced that Sept. 22 will be the last day for receiving applications to join health institutes in Riyadh, Jeddah and Safwa. Registration for applicants began July 13.

Enrollment conditions issued by the ministry include Saudi Arabian nationality, an intermediate school certificate at minimum with priority given to those with secondary school certificates, age between 15 and 20 years, no illness or infirmity supported by a medical report, and a good conduct certificate. Applicants will be tested and personal interviews will be conducted before final admission.

The ministry has the right to appoint applicants after graduation anywhere in the Kingdom. Students will be provided with free housing, food, uniforms and SR675 monthly. Once applicants are accepted, they will be issued air tickets from their regions to the city of the institute they wish to join. They are also entitled to a return ticket during summer vacations.

Graduates of health institutes are appointed immediately after graduation.

### Economic council to meet in Tunis

RIYADH, Sept. 6 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil will leave here Sunday for Tunisia at the head of the Kingdom's delegation to meetings of the Arab Economic Council opening Monday at Arab League headquarters in Tunis.

During the three-day meeting, the council will discuss the situation of economy in the Arab Nation, ways of developing economic cooperation between Arab countries and an economic plan to be presented at the 10th Arab summit meeting set for Amman Nov. 10.

without having to apply to the public Civil Service Bureau for jobs. The institutes certificates are equivalent to academic secondary school certificates.

In other educational developments, the Central Region Girls' Education Directorate has allocated funds for 10 large and 16 smaller simple schools in the Central Region, according to director general of the Girls' Education in the region.

Dr. Ibrahim Al-Shaan said Saturday that contracts for constructing these schools will be issued soon. Other schools are under construction in the region, and some have been completed and will open by the new academic year, he added.

Meanwhile, Riyadh University has admitted all female applicants to the university's academic schools for 1980-81. They were advised to report to the Girls' University Studies Center in Ilesha for registration, it was reported Saturday.

Beginners applying for the first semester for the year 1980-81 have been told to register Saturday, Sept. 13. Girls who were admitted during the first and second semesters last year will be registered Sunday, Sept. 14.

Regular students admitted to the university in 1978 were advised to register on Sept. 17 and 18. Regular and part-time students admitted in 1977 also were advised to call on Sept. 17 and 18. Those admitted in 1976 or before should register on Sept. 20 and 21, according to an official of the department of student affairs of Riyadh University.

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# Assad gives Arafat unlimited support

DAMASCUS, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — Syria reassured the Palestinian commando movement Friday of unlimited support in the event of an Israeli invasion in southern Lebanon, Palestinian sources reported. This, they said, was the main topic of a four-hour meeting between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Yasser Arafat here.

Assad told Arafat if the Israelis were to attack areas held by the Syrian peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, then Damascus would

open a front against Israel "regardless of whatever the costs may be," these sources said.

Assad would resist the Israelis in a Lebanon war front "even if the costs include a possible fall of Damascus," the same sources quoted Assad as telling Arafat. This was interpreted as a note of serious warning to Israel to desist from striking at Palestinian and nationalist Lebanese emplacements in southern Lebanon.

## Libya-Malta ties deteriorate

VALLETTA, Sept. 6 (R) — Malta's Prime Minister Dom Mintoff said Friday night his island state's relations with the Libyan Jamahiriyyah were "bad." He told a rally these would not improve until Malta was allowed to explore for oil in that part of the continental shelf between the two countries which Malta considers its own.

## Ceausescu, Kaddoumi back peaceful solution in M.E.

VIENNA, Sept. 6 (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and the foreign affairs spokesman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Farouk Kaddoumi, have discussed the Middle East in Bucharest and stressed the need for a political settlement in the region. The official Agence France Presse News Agency said Friday both sides agreed that peace could be based only on Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied after

the 1967 war and the foundation of an independent Palestinian state.

Agerpres said the talks were held in a cordial friendly atmosphere. Romania supports Palestinian demands for an early Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory and for an independent Palestinian state. But it is also a Warsaw pact country with diplomatic ties to Israel.

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## Libyan, Syrian governments investigate merger question

By Robert McCartney

TRIPOLI, Sept. 6 (AP) — Both the Libyan and Syrian governments stand to gain in popular support from talk of uniting their two Arab countries, but differences in political systems and geographical separation will hinder a complete fusion, according to Libya and other Arab sources here.

Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, in a Monday speech televised live in both Libya and Syria, put forward the merger proposal and Syrian President Hafez Assad immediately endorsed it. The leaders did not spell out details but said they should join to help their common struggle against Israel.

Syria, in alliance with Egypt, fought Israel in both the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars. Libya has provided arms, money and training to Palestinian commandos, including some of their more militant branches such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Delegations from the PFLP and radical Palestinian groups sat on the speaker's platform twenty feet from Qaddafi when he made the address at ceremonies to mark the anniversary of the 1969 military uprising that brought him to power.

Qaddafi and Assad are both supporters of pan-Arab nationalism, a movement toward Arab cooperation and alliance supported by the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The 38-year-old Libyan leader is sincere in his vocal backing for Arab union, but also hopes that his merger call will incite his people and win their support in his struggle to radically transform Libyan society, according to a Lebanese sociology professor visiting this North African nation's capital. "Qaddafi feels it's necessary to mobilize the masses and needs their support because of opposition from a bourgeois-bureaucratic class in Libyan society," the leftist-oriented academic said in an interview.

Qaddafi backed revolutionary committees in Libya staged four months of nationally televised investigations from February to June in the forms of trials of heads of state economic enterprises and military officers. Between five and ten committee members, normally youths in their twenties, carried out the showcase inquiries.

In May, Qaddafi launched sweeping currency reform, which made it impossible to withdraw money from bank accounts except for what the bank decides are "urgent needs." Qaddafi has described the move as an egalitarian measure.

For his part, Assad's effort to stir up Arab nationalism should help draw attention away from his critics inside Syria, according to the private view of a Libyan who works in international Arab relations.

The religious people have been bolstered

## Israeli opposition leader to discuss ties with Sadat

CAIRO, Sept. 6 (AP) — Israeli opposition leader and former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will meet with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Tuesday, an authoritative magazine reported here. The visit will be the second in less than a week that Sadat has had with Israeli figures who are at odds with Israel's prime minister Menahem Begin.

Monday and again Friday Sadat met with former Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who has been on a week's vacation in Egypt. "October Magazine," which has close ties to Sadat, and whose columns often veil

Sadat's plans or postures, reported on Saturday.

Rabin is a leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party. He was the first native-born Israeli to serve as prime minister, in office from 1974 until 1976 when parliament turned his government out in no-confidence vote.

Sadat's contacts with two of Begin's opponents come just days after a series of developments toward getting the Palestinian autonomy talks restarted.

On Wednesday, President Jimmy Carter's Middle East envoy, Sol Linowitz, announced Egypt and Israel had agreed to resume the autonomy talks and to plan a U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli summit expected in November.

Sadat had called for the talks in early August in reaction to a vote in Israel's parliament, the Knesset, declaring all of Jerusalem, including the eastern Arab sector the eternally undivided capital of the Jewish state.

Sadat also complained about Israel's colonizing lands on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, Palestinian-inhabited regions captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war. Just hours after Linowitz announced the renewed talks, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs said the Jerusalem issue and the Israeli settlements endured as obstacles to the talks. He said the Linowitz mission did not herald new bargaining on autonomy itself.

An Egyptian foreign ministry source told the Associated Press two days later that the only reason Egypt agreed to the resumption — despite its prior demands — was because it won an okay from Begin to attend the three nation summit.

## Qaddafi urges Arabs to mobilize all resources against U.S. bases

BEIRUT, Sept. 6 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has described American bases on Arab soil as invasion that must be defeated. The Libyan news agency Jana quoted Col. Qaddafi as saying at the end of graduation ceremonies for military cadets: "We have to mobilize all Arab resources to stop the American invasion of Arab territory."

"The American bases on Arab territory are invading forces and ugly aggression against us. We have the means to defeat this aggression..." Col. Qaddafi said.

The agency quoted the Libyan leader as calling on Libya's People's Congresses (parliament) to adopt a strategic policy ruling out any confrontation between the Egyptian and Libyan armies.

He also called them to protect and support the Egyptian army "in order to let it confront the enemy and liberate Sinai."

The United States has given military facilities in Egypt, Somalia and Oman and joint exercises were recently held in Egypt, drawing condemnation from most Arab countries.

Col. Qaddafi has earlier proposed merger between Libya and Syria, following a call by the Libyan leader for integration of the two countries.

The call gained a prompt reply from Syrian President Hafez Assad who earlier this week sent a telegram to the Libyan leader pledging to work toward the goal of unity.

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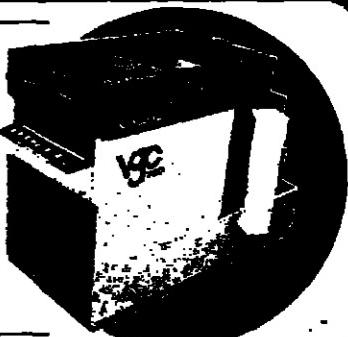
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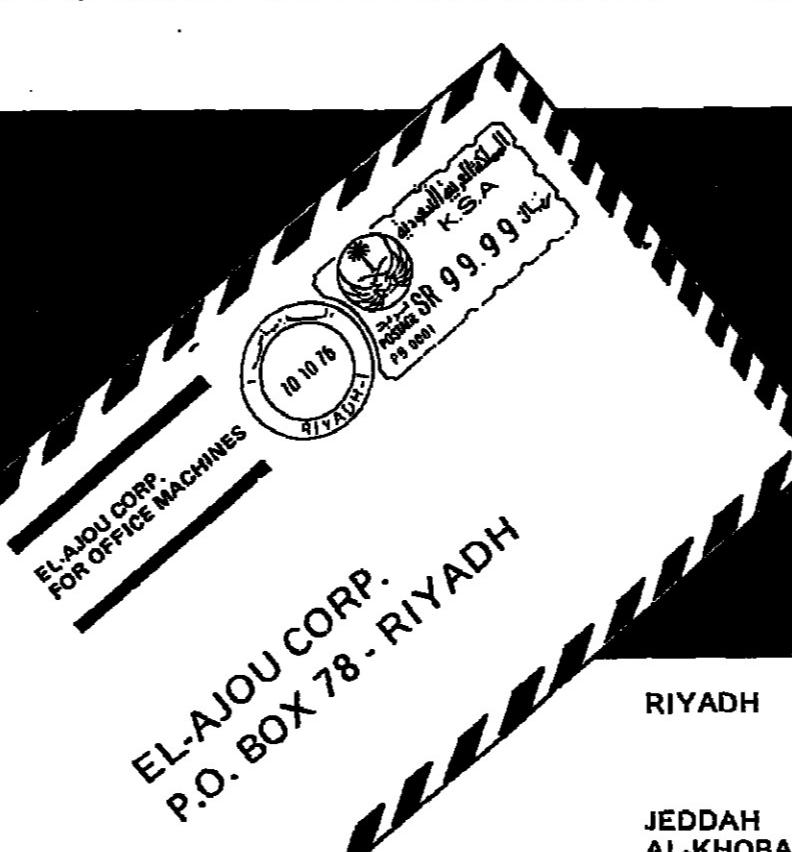
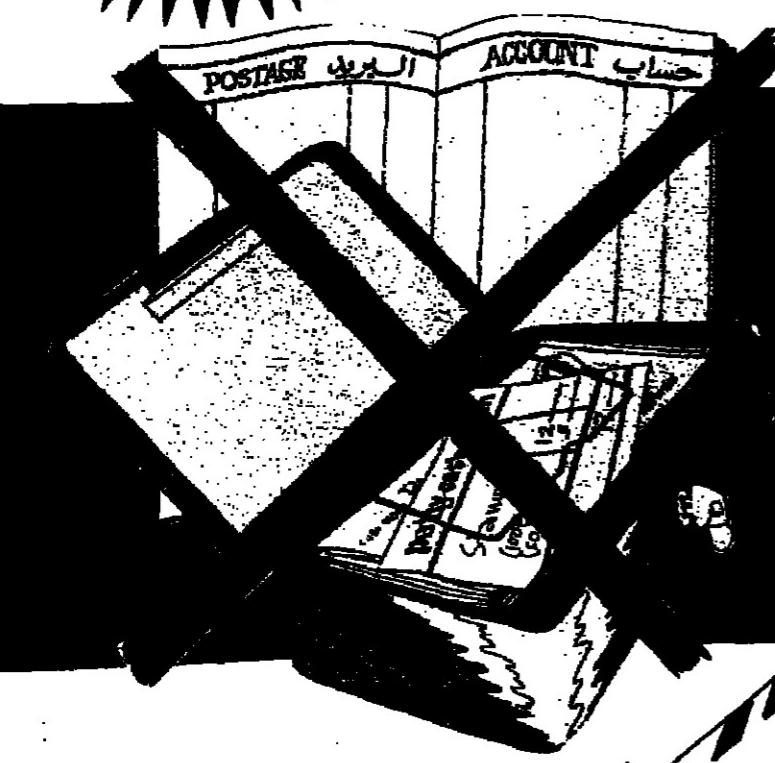
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# Democrats may lose Congress

**25-year-old grip  
shaky as Carter  
popularity drops**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP) — While Ronald Reagan slugs it out with President Jimmy Carter for tenancy in the White House, Reagan's Republican Party has also launched an all-out drive to loosen the Democrats' quarter-century grip on the U.S. Congress.

The Republicans are given little chance of gaining outright control of Congress this year. But many analysts believe they could win enough seats to pull within striking distance of capturing at least the Senate in 1982.

Democrats currently enjoy a 58-41 edge in the Senate with one independent. But of the 34 seats at stake in November, 24 belong to Democrats. The incumbents face the wrath of constituents up in arms over high inflation and unemployment.

"It is fine if there is a 'throw them out' mentality in the country," said Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. "because there are more of them (Democrats) to throw out than us."

The Republicans are said to have a good chance at picking up from two to six of the 10 new Senate seats they need to end the Democratic dominance that has existed since 1954.

In the House of Representatives where the Democrats have a solid 274-159 margin, all seats will be filled in the election. The Republicans are expected to gain anywhere from 10 to 30 seats.

The Republican Party is finally on the rebound from the Watergate scandal that shook down President Richard Nixon's administration in 1974. The party has raised millions of dollars for its local candidates this year.

It also plans to spend a total of \$8 million on a television advertising blitz that rips into Democratic economic policies and urges Americans to "vote Republican ... for a change."

Further aiding the Republican cause is a coalition of conservative groups — including evangelical Christians and other "right to life" abortion opponents — who have targeted up to three dozen liberal Democratic legislators for defeat, and it is not just the lightweight liberals who are an endangered species. The right-wing "hit list" includes South Dakota Senator George McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee who now trails his conservative Senate opponent by 20 points in the polls; and Senator Frank Church of Idaho, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee.

But Democratic leaders are breathing easier than a few weeks ago, when Reagan and the Republicans were riding high in the polls and predicting control of Congress this year.

**Roving 'language  
inspectors' cost India \$100,000**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 6 (AP) — About 30 members of the Indian Parliament leave next week on controversial trips abroad at public expense to find out if Indian foreign missions are following orders to use the Hindi language instead of English.

The trips, severely criticized as junkets by



PRE-SCHOOL: President Jimmy Carter bends low to listen to a youngster in a pre-school classroom in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during a campaign swing through the big northeastern city.

rather than link themselves to the president's renomination for a second term.

Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, speaker of the House, has now scaled down his predictions of his party's losses in November from 18-25 House seats to 10-18 seats. "There's a general feeling that things have turned around for the Democrats," he said.

But even as the Democrats regain momentum, many of the party's congressmen are uneasy about running on the same ticket as Carter, whose popularity in the polls recently reached all-time lows.

Most of the Democrats in Congress stayed away from the party's national convention last month, preferring to campaign at home

**Southeast Asia and Australia.**

Reacting to the criticism, the government said in a statement that "the visits are part of the mandate" given to the language committee by Parliament and thus not a responsibility of the administration. Three ministers are going on the tours as members of Parliament and not in their capacity as cabinet members, it said.

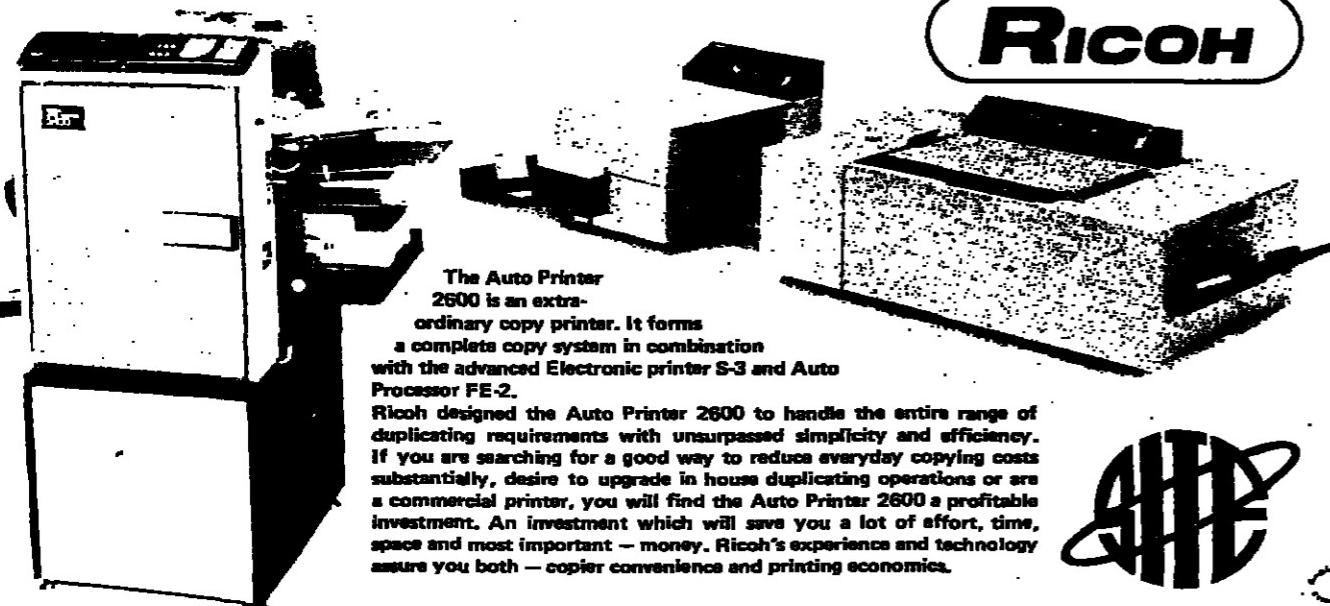
The government noted that Parliament and not the administration was funding the cost estimated at more than \$100,000.

"If so many MP's feel that they have time to spare for what will essentially be a sightseeing tour... they have no excuse, much less justification, for spending public funds so lavishly on an enterprise that cannot possibly be of any benefit to the country," the *Times of India* newspaper said in an editorial.

Several newspapers have suggested that the parliamentary tours were inconsistent with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's recent request to all ministers to keep official delegations abroad "to the barest minimum."

The *Times of India* also reported critically on another foreign junket by tourism officials to Japan and Hong Kong. It said that "almost the entire top brass of the ministry of tourism and civil aviation is going on an Air-India trip on Saturday to Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, Tokyo and Hong Kong."

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**Left said  
manipulating  
aborigines**

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 6 (AP) — Western Australia Premier Sir Charles Court has charged here that a leftist propaganda machine with international links is subjecting aborigines to ideological manipulation.

The charge was quickly denied by the state's only aboriginal parliamentarian, Ernie Bridge. He represents the Kimberley region which includes Noonkanbah Pastoral Station where the western Australian government began exploratory oil drilling a week ago in defiance of pleas by aborigines to spare the area because, they say, it is sacred.

The oil drilling was deplored in Geneva this week by an aboriginal delegation to the United Nations sub-commission on the prevention of discrimination.

Sir Charles said evidence of manipulation of aboriginal groups was growing daily. He complained that Gary Foley, a director of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Services, said in a television interview he was involved in establishing a propaganda network in Europe with a permanent office in London and that it would soon be extended to the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

The premier said the motives of those supporting minority groups were far more devious than the pious championing of human rights which they used to cloak an intention of causing racial hatred, division and eventually violence.

**Baader-Meinhof  
killers sentenced**

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept. 6 (AP) — A state court has sentenced two members of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang to 15 years each in prison for attempted murder in a 1977 shootout and for belonging to the Red Army Faction — the gang's formal name.

The two West Germans, Christof Wackernagel, 28, and Gert Schneider, 31, protested the sentences shouting at the chief judge: "The sentence is terrorism!" and "We want to get out of here."

The sentences were handed down three years to the day after the kidnapping of industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, later killed by members of the Red Army Faction. According to testimony, Wackernagel and Schneider — implicated in the Schleyer slaying — were surrounded by police after leaving an Amsterdam apartment on Nov. 10, 1977. Before they were arrested they tried to baffle their way free with a pistol and a hand grenade, which exploded, wounding the fugitives and police officers.

The state attorney had requested life sentences.

Chief Judge Klaus Wagner, in passing sentence, reviewed the history of the RAF, popularly known as the Baader-Meinhof gang after its founders Ulrike Meinhof and Andreas Baader. He characterized it as an illegal urban guerrilla group that waged war on society.

**Seychelles bans SAA**

NAIROBI, Sept. 6 (AP) — The Seychelles government has banned South African Airways (SAA) flights to and from the Indian Ocean nation.

The official Seychelles news agency, in a dispatch received here from Mahe, quoted a government statement as saying the decision was in keeping with United Nations and Organization of African Unity calls on member-states to sever links with white-ruled South Africa because of its apartheid policies.

South African Airways has operated twice-weekly flights to the Seychelles on its Johannesburg-Hong Kong route. The statement said links with South Africa would be severed as soon as possible.

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Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng, right, has been promoted to Vice his post as Communist Party chairman. Japanese foreign minister this week, and

## 9 die in Guatemala blasts

GUATEMALA CITY, Sept. 6 (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded outside the national palace Friday morning, killing eight people, injuring at least 20 and blowing out hundreds of windows along the main square, authorities and witnesses said. Later, a bus driver died in an explosion in his vehicle.

A Red Cross spokesman said some of the injured at the palace were in critical condition. Most of the injured were hit by flying glass inside the palace, which is the seat of government.

Soon after the blast, another bomb and teargas canister exploded in the nearby justice ministry. Police said there were no injuries and said damage of the ministry was slight. Police evacuated five buildings near the national palace within minutes of the first

The death of a bus driver was reported after an explosion ripped apart his vehicle.

In another incident, police said unidentified gunmen shot and killed a radio commentator as he drove his car through northern Guatemala City.

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*Intervened in Zaire***Force guards France's friends**

PARIS, Sept. 6 (R) — Twenty years after the breakup of its colonial empire, France has updated its overseas military intervention force which is now surpassed in size only by those of the United States and Soviet Union.

Sometimes called the "Gendarmes of Africa" or "Giscard's Centurions" the men of the force have already been mobilized a dozen times to prop up pro-Western regimes, notably that of Zaire, defended from rebel attack by Foreign Legion paratroopers at Kolwezi two years ago.

In at least one case, that of the old Central African Empire a year ago, French troops themselves toppled a ruler, Emperor Bokassa, who had become an embarrassment to Paris. In Gabon, they reinstated the country's president in 1964 after an army coup.

In several African states, notably Senegal, Gabon, the Ivory Coast, Djibouti and the Central African Republic, French troops are permanently on hand to ensure that pro-French states, and their often vast natural resources, do not fall into hostile hands.

The capability of the "Forces d'Actions Extérieures" (The Intervention Force) was described in a series of interviews by French

and foreign experts, civilian and military, who predicted unprecedented turbulence in the Third World during the 1980s.

They included active or retired French generals, intelligence specialists from NATO countries, company and platoon commanders from the Foreign Legion and French Paratroops who spearhead the intervention force. One of the those who spoke most freely was retired four-star Gen. Georges Buis, who helped draw up global French strategy for the 1970s.

"Certainly all sorts of politico-economic forces are at work both in northern and western Africa, not to speak of the Near East and Gulf region, which spell challenge and conflict to the West in general and France in particular," Buis said. "One probable flash-point is going to be Tunisia where Paris has already demonstrated it is committed to support pro-Western President Habib Bourguiba even though he is unpopular at home."

Buis, echoing accusations by Tunisian leaders and Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor, says Libya has designs on French-speaking black nations along the dry Sahel belt south of the Sahara and that it maintains

exile forces earmarked for intervention there.

The mightiest component yet of the French intervention force was assembled earlier this year at a camp in Frejus near the Mediterranean ports that are its jumping-off points to what is diplomatically referred to here as "the African and Mediterranean basin theater".

Given the vague title of "31st Armored and Mechanized Light Brigade," the Frejus unit is clearly designed for armored warfare in desert terrain, according to specialists here. The strength of the unit is about 3,500 men, all career soldiers as is the case throughout the intervention force.

The unit's 15-ton armored cars carry a 105 mm. cannon specifically designed for anti-tank warfare with a range of up to 2,000 meters. France is not yet capable of airlifting such a heavy unit but officers on the French general staff do not appear particularly concerned.

"We can move paratroop and marine units with our own fleet of C-160 Transall medium-range transports. The three regiments making up the "Groupeement Operational Aeroperte," the para unit, have enough Milan anti-tank missiles to seriously slow down an armored force before our own armor arrives" a paratroop major says.

"And, even though we are no longer members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization military structure, experience has shown that when Western interests are at stake others will lend us the transport if we put up the troops," he said.

He was referring to French intervention at Kolwezi in Zaire's copper-rich Shaba province in 1978 when foreign legion paratroops were dropped to recapture the city from Cuban-trained rebels who came from Angola. All heavy equipment for that operation arrived by United States air force C-141 Starlifter transports which picked it up at French bases.

Together with the armored unit at Frejus and paratroops stationed in southern France and Corsica, France maintains a marine amphibious unit in Brittany, about 4,000 to 5,000 strong and including light armored cars and a 105 mm. artillery regiment.

All these units spend at least four months a year on a rotation system at French bases overseas, ranging from the Indian Ocean island of Reunion to Tahiti.

A further force of almost 7,000 men is based in African states friendly to France while over 10,000 are in French possessions in the Indian and Pacific oceans and nearly 8,000 in the French West Indies and French Guiana.

The government, while building up the intervention force, is at pains to play down what its missions could be in a world distrustful of foreign intervention.

**Quits cross-Canada trek****Cancer runner stricken again**

VANCOUVER, Canada Sept. 6 (AP) — Amputee runner Terry Fox has come home, but not in the way he or his thousands of well-wishers had hoped. Fox had dreamed of limping triumphantly into Vancouver late this year, but his coast-to-coast run was cut short this week when doctors diagnosed that cancer had spread to his lungs.

Three years ago, cancer forced the amputation of his right leg above the knee.

As a chartered plane carrying the young runner arrived from Thunder Bay, Ontario, he was taken directly to a hospital in the Vancouver suburb of New Westminster to begin the second, grim battle with the disease that inspired his cross-country marathon of hope.

His party eluded reporters and officials of the Canadian Cancer Society alike when the plane was diverted to another part of Vancouver International Airport. The stricken runner was placed aboard a waiting ambulance and sped away.

As he lay on a stretcher fighting to hold back tears, Fox told reporters in Thunder Bay: "I hope what I have done will be an inspiration to all and I'm not going to give up my fight."

Fox, 22, of Port Coquitlam, a Vancouver suburb, was taken to a hospital early in the week in Thunder Bay and was said to be suffering from stomach flu.

At a news conference in Thunder Bay,

known as the geographic center of Canada, Fox announced the end to the run he began in St. John's, Newfoundland, on April 12.

He said he did not expect the cancer to spread and he thought he was healthy. "I hope what I have done will be an inspiration to all and I'm not going to give up my fight," he told the reporters.

"He's got to get into hospital fast," said Bill Vigars, a Canadian Cancer Society official who has been traveling with Fox. "It's over," Vigars said. "Cancer again."

In spite of nausea and weakness, Fox ran about 32 km before asking to be taken to a doctor.

"He hasn't been feeling good for a couple of days," said Doug Alward, who is accompanying him.

Thunder Bay marked the halfway point in Fox's attempted marathon of hope across Canada.

Fox became a Canadian hero during his painful run on an artificial leg, and was mobbed by crowds in communities along the way.

He was grimly determined, and ignored a warning from the war amputations of Canada that he risked serious injury because the stump of his amputated leg was taking such a beating.

But in Toronto in July he admitted he might not finish his cross-country run. "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue," he told a crowd.

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**Arrests, shootings after curfew****Bolivia's stern regime rules the night**

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 6 (LAT) — More than seven weeks have passed since right-wing military officers destroyed Bolivia's latest attempt to establish a democracy, and life in this city — named for the Spanish word for peace — seems back to normal.

Indian women hawk their wares in the street-side stalls, people take mid-morning breaks to gulp down hot, spicy meat pies, the smugglers' markets are running full blast and the streets are clogged with cars and buses. Except at night.

It is then, after dark, when the curfew — "torque de queda" as it is called here — is in effect, that the oppression of the new government can be seen, almost felt.

At first there seem to be no people, no cars, the only noise an occasional outburst of barking from the dog packs that roam the city. But as one becomes accustomed to the dark and the silence, things begin to catch the eye. Unmarked Toyota jeeps move quietly through the streets, their lights out, carrying the government's semi-clandestine security agents searching for enemies.

Anyone foolish enough to be out during the 11 p.m.-to-6 a.m. forbidden time is considered an enemy and treated as such.

The silence is broken nearly every night by bursts of gunfire, when someone, often only a restaurant employee late going home, is caught in the street.

It is at night that the arrests are made. So far, the government acknowledges that 500 people have been rounded up as political prisoners. The Roman Catholic archbishop, however, estimates that 2,000 people have been arrested, a figure thought more accurate by diplomats.

It is at night that people die at the hands of the government forces. By government count, only 30 people have been killed, but according to other reliable sources, 1,000 Bolivians have died, many of their bodies tossed into rivers or cast into deep mountain ravines. It is at night that newspapers are raided, with some editors and reporters taken away, many to be tortured. At least one journalist has been killed.

The nighttime nature of the military regime headed by Gen. Luis Garcia Mesa Tejada was set at the beginning, for it was in the dark of July 17 that the interim and democratically-chosen government of President Lydia Gueiler Tejada (Garcia Mesa's cousin) was overthrown.

The "golpe," as a coup is called here, was the 189th for Bolivia in 155 years, a parade of events that has left this country open to ridicule as something best treated in comic operas. But if in the past, the constant golpes, including the time when five different men were named president in a single day, seemed silly, this one is different — it is deadly serious.

Garcia Mesa, who proclaimed himself president, has said he will be in power for 20

years and has set out to change Bolivia permanently and fundamentally.

Officials of the regime characterize their efforts as "a movement to end forever the violent radicals and leftists who want to destroy us. We have stopped Castroism here."

If such forces existed in Bolivia, they kept to themselves. There were no organized terrorist groups spreading death and destruction. The two Communist parties were tiny and had little popular support.

So, if there was little or no Communist or radical threat to the country, why did Garcia Mesa and his associates overthrow Gueiler?

"It is greed," said one Bolivian, a former government official, "a greed for money and power. If a civilian government stayed in power, these generals and colonels would have lost everything."

On one level, what some of them might have lost was access to part of the \$600 million yearly drug traffic out of Bolivia. There are substantial reports, including claims by

the U.S. Department of State, that some important people in the Bolivian government and military are seriously involved in smuggling cocaine to the United States.

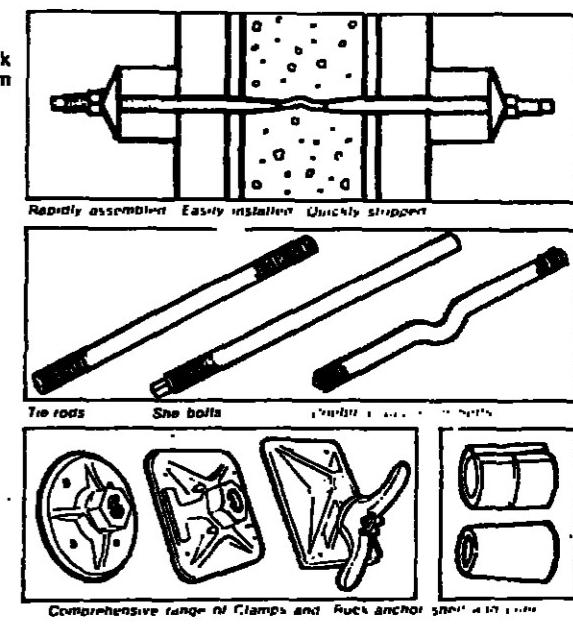
Beyond that, Bolivian sources as well as diplomats claim that several officers and supporters of the new government have used their positions to obtain kickbacks from businesses.

Spokesmen for the Garcia Mesa government, deny all of this, but information obtained by the *Los Angeles Times* indicates that some officers are spending heavily.

For instance, one high-ranking air force officer who earns \$1,000 a month recently bought a house for \$300,000 and also owns several private planes, each valued at more than \$100,000 each.

Other officers have purchased condominiums in Miami, while some are partners in companies constructing high-rise office and apartment buildings in La Paz and Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

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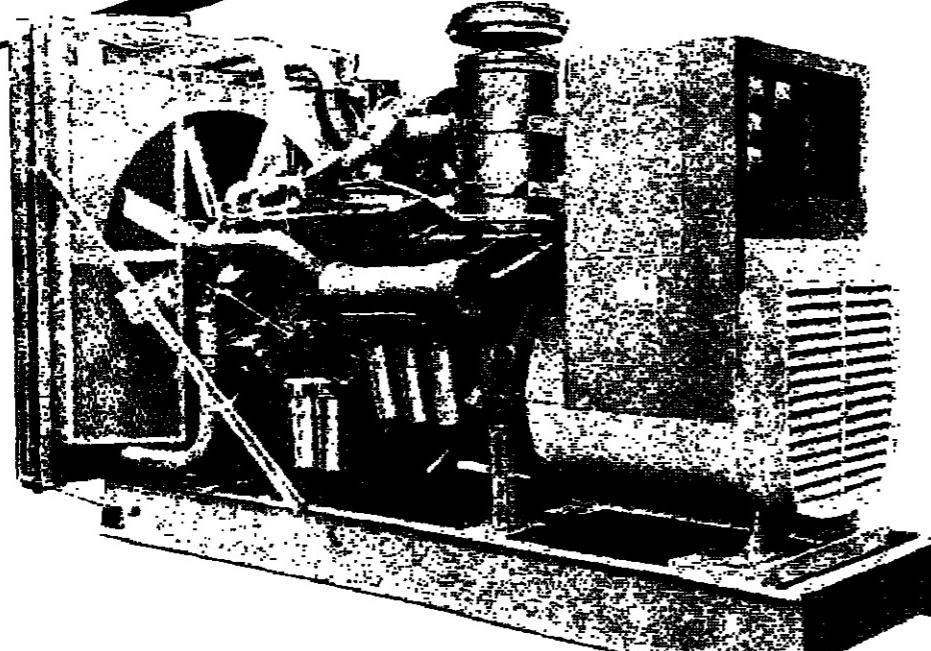
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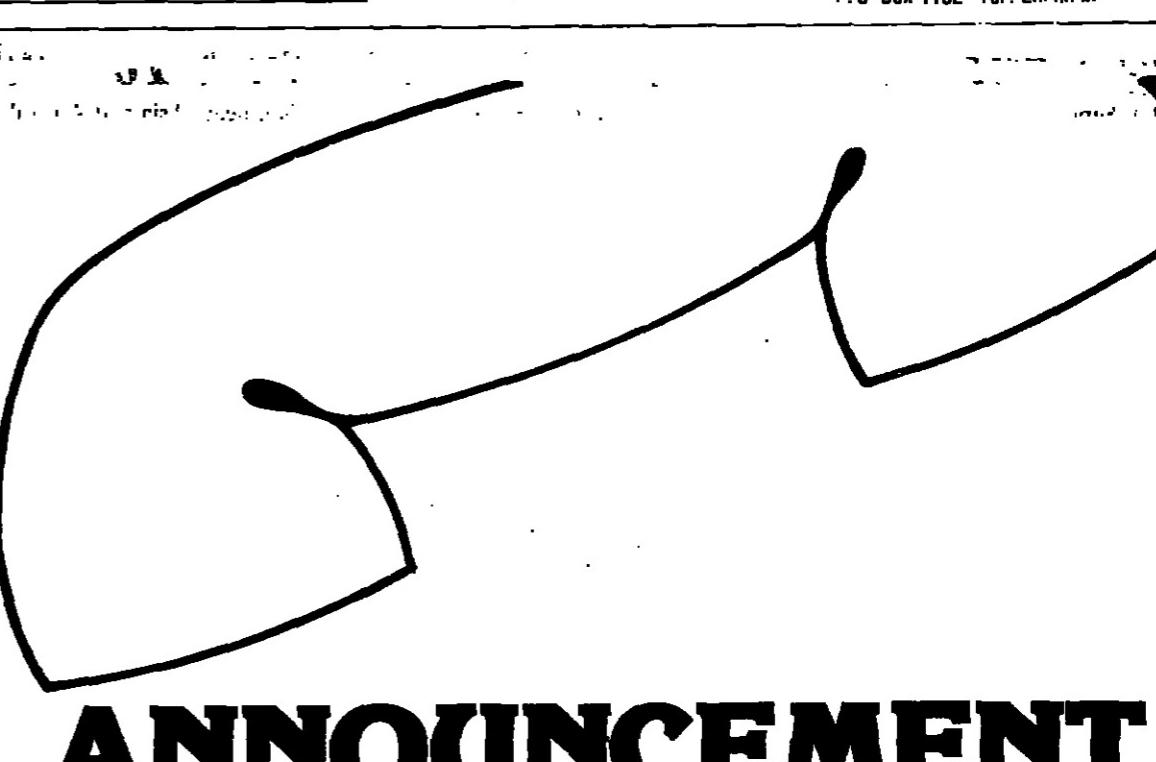
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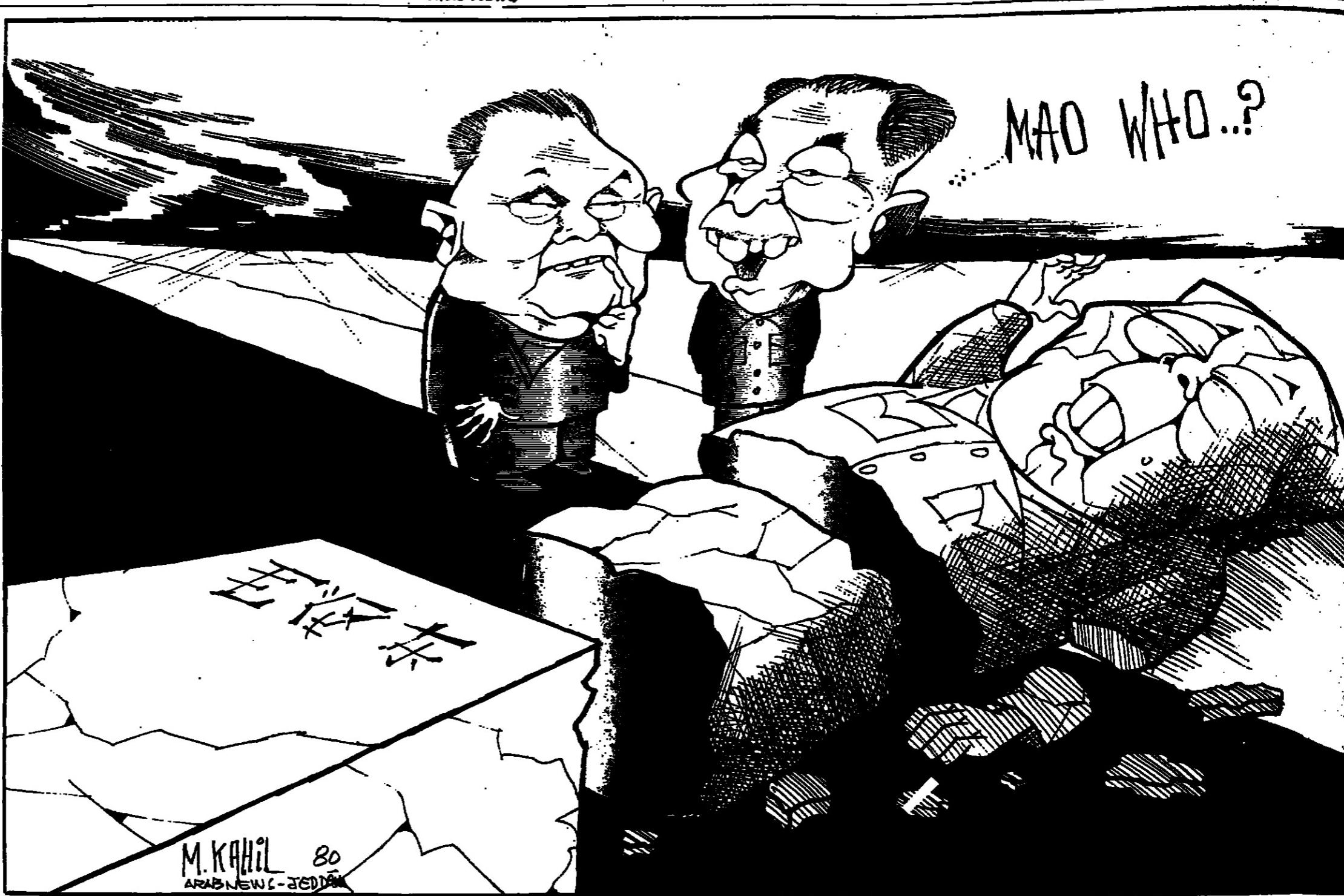
The cheapness, the shoddiness of the political process in a supposedly "great power" such as the United States takes one's breath away. What is one to make of the spectacle of the three main contenders to the highest office in the land abasing themselves publicly and shamelessly before the Zionist lobby, as they all did in the last 48 hours? Is the "Jewish Vote" mobilized by that lobby really worth all this groveling, all this race to promise more and in aid and comfort to Israel and its gangster-leader Begin? Has office to be pursued at such cost to the country's honor, and with such contempt for international law and morality?

The Arab world, faced with such a spectacle, cannot but give up hope completely of a positive American contribution to the peace and stability of the Middle East. There are some who would counsel otherwise, arguing that all the sorry speeches were made for "internal consumption" only, and that once the election in November determines the winner all will be well again: the master of the White House will be able to shed the mask of the clown and don once more that of the statesman. But the Arab world will not buy such arguments again. All the speeches contained, within their mawkish effusions, real undertakings to support Israel in its present aggressive and greedy line.

Of the three contenders for Israel's favors, the easy winner has to be Reagan, who gave an unequivocal undertaking to give the Israelis all they will ask, and to recognize their theft of Jerusalem. The PLO, the organization whose representativeness of the Palestinian people has the endorsement of the Arab world and the vast majority of the international community, he dubbed a group of "thugs". Following him came Anderson, who raved about confronting the Arab world as a whole. Then came the supposedly "equitable" Carter, who expressed hope that Jerusalem remain united forever, declared his rejection to the notion of a Palestinian state, and that there will be no recognition of the PLO until it gives prior recognition to Israel. That was the extent of the incumbent's "moderation."

The major question this raises is that of the future of the relations between the U.S. and the Arab world, were the winner to stand by even part of his promises to the Zionists. Is there any point in hoping for anything from the U.S. if Zionism has such a stranglehold on the country's political life? Public opinion appears so brainwashed by the long siege laid to it by the Zionist-influenced media that advances in favor of the Arab cause seem unlikely — not that either the Arab community in the United States or the official representatives of the Arab world have played their part as effectively as they could have up to now.

But behind this consideration there is one even more somber one. Is it that the leaders of the United States set such little value on probable reactions from the Arab leadership that they can allow themselves to talk in the way they did in the last 48 hours? Do they really believe, with Kissinger as he spoke about 10 years ago, that we are so fickle that they could always count on us to forget the past and make a new start? Can they give all they promised Israel and then turn back to us with professions of disinterest and neutrality thinking that all will be forgiven? We have to admit that our weakness and divisions have led people to think as such in the past. And they will continue to do so until they realize that we mean what we say, and that there is no limit to the sacrifices we are ready to make in defense of our rights.



## Hua 'blackmailed' into denouncing Mao

By Dennis Bloodworth

**SINGAPORE —** Chairman Hua Guofeng's public fling has aroused suspicions that the pragmatic leaders now dominating the Chinese Politburo have coerced him into "turning state's evidence" on his dead patron and fellow-Humanist. In exchange, he will be spared damaging disclosures that might otherwise have implicated him in the misdeeds of the ultra-leftist "Gang of Four" during their coming trial.

Hua declared that ultimate responsibility for the party's "grievous and serious mistakes" in the past lay with Mao, specifically citing two of the late chairman's more lamentable failings. These were his penchant for visionary, do-it-yourself economics that led to the doomed "Great Leap Forward" of 1958, and his abiding passion for disruptive class warfare that culminated in the even more catastrophic "Cultural Revolution" of the mid-1960s.

Chairman Hua was echoing close supporters of Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping, who repudiate Mao's cherished revolutionary concepts, putting "experts" before "red", production before politics, the mechanization of means before the collectivization of man, and the modernization of backward China before Mao's dream of a classless, egalitarian Utopia.

They had already blamed Mao personally for the emergence of the pernicious Gang, and damned his radical Cultural Revolution as a "major disaster for the Chinese people." But the significance of Hua's censure is that he hails from the other side of the fence.

When the Maoist Gang of Four conspired to pitch Deng Xiaoping into political limbo early in 1976, Hua not only joined the chorus of those who rallied against the "unrepentant capitalist-roader", but became prime minister instead of Deng with the Gang's connivance.

And after Mao died, Hua stood revealed as his chosen heir, the trusted lieutenant of whom the chairman had reportedly said: "With you in charge, I am at ease."

Newspapers Saturday appeared with a variety of major stories. *Al-Bilad* led with Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's statement during his visit to Prince Fahd Air Base in Taif, that the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces have major responsibilities to carry out. *Al-Jazirah* played up Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's address to Saudi Arabian students in the United States, in which he said that Crown Prince Fahd's call for the holy war is a repetition of the call made earlier by King Abdul Aziz in 1948 and then by King Faisal in 1969. *Al-Medina* said in its lead story that an Arab economic plan will be submitted to the 10th Arab summit conference scheduled to be held in Amman next November. Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri's projected visits to several Arab states in an attempt to end their differences was reported by *Okaz*, while *Al-Riyadh* and *Al-Nadwa* led with U.S. President Carter's pledge to continue to support Israel and that the fate of Jerusalem would be decided only with the consent of Israel. *Al-Yom* said in its lead that tension prevails in South Lebanon after the renegade militia leader Saad Haddad's threat to resume fighting in the area.

*Al-Nadwa* reported fierce clashes north of Kabul in Afghanistan. The reported discussion between Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on the framing of a joint political and military strategy appeared prominently on the front page of *Al-Medina*. Newspapers used as a page one story Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalif's departure for Tunis Sunday to lead the Saudi Arabian delegation at the meetings of the Arab Economic Council beginning at the Arab League headquarters there Monday.

In an editorial on the resumption of the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, *Al-Medina* said that Israel has committed many crimes under the umbrella of the Camp David

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

accords. The paper was convinced that the crimes Israel has perpetrated on the Arabs after the Camp David accords are far greater than those it had committed since 1948 and until the signing of these accords. What Camp David really has achieved is gagging the other two parties (the U.S. and Egypt), which keep quiet over Zionist criminal activities, said the paper. It added that the international community must move to save the Middle East region from the catastrophic effects of the Camp David

accords. The paper said the Sudanese leader's tour of some Arab and Islamic states. *Okaz* said it confirms that leaders have realized that solidarity is like a bridge which nations would have to cross in order to be able to confront the enemy. Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad was an objective approach to bring the nation on the right track, said the paper, adding that such a stance requires introspection and a readiness to shoulder the responsibility by erasing all the petty squabbles and differ-

"Four" still prevailed. China must develop new theories and new solutions to its problems.

With Hua whipped into line with oblique menaces, the next party congress will agree unanimously to consign Mao to a man-size niche in history as a revolutionary leader whose theories on party-building, revolutionary war, and revolution itself may still be relevant, but whose damaging delusions about Socialist construction and economics have already been thrown out.

And Hua? The Gang of Four will go on trial "this year", and they would gladly wreck his reputation if they could, for under pressure from the "moderates" he "turned state's evidence" on them also, once Mao was gone. But Deng has said that their trial will be closed to the foreign press, since it would involve "a massive amount of state secrets."

Mao is not to be blackguarded publicly. Nor Hua — as long as he behaves. (OFNS)

## Portugal to 'reassess' Soviet presence

By Jimmy Burns

**LISBON —** Western intelligence was alerted six years ago about the undercover activities of at least two of the four Soviet diplomats expelled from Portugal last month.

Russia has condemned the expulsion as totally unjustified and as a plot by opponents of detente to undermine the coming European conference on security in Madrid. But, according to informed sources in Lisbon, Yuri Semenychchev, the first secretary at the Soviet embassy in Lisbon, who was one of those expelled, was known as a member of the KGB when he arrived here six years ago.

Semenychchev was officially in charge of establishing diplomatic relations between Portugal and the Soviet Union after the Portuguese revolution on April 25, 1974, but his activities involved him in strengthening the Soviet presence in Portugal, a NATO member country.

Officials at the Soviet embassy were concerned not just with supervising political developments in the area, as channeled through the growing influence of the staunchly pro-Moscow Portuguese Communist Party, but also with an intricate system of espionage.

This was aimed mainly at countering the influence of the CIA in Portugal and checking on sensitive military installations, including the strategically important U.S. air base and submarine tracking station in the Portuguese Atlantic islands of the Azores.

Last year's Soviet search for the legendary city of Atlantis may have been cover for an attempt to spy on the U.S. installations at Lajes on the Azorean island of Terceira.

According to reports, Soviet activity in the area had been building up over the previous 18 months. Two Soviet submarines were reported very close to Terceira in January last year, and traffic to and from Azorean ports of Soviet cargo ships and passenger

crusaders subsequently increased. One of the Soviet diplomats expelled is Vladimir Konyavc, naval attaché at the Soviet embassy in Lisbon, who had been on regular visits to the Azores. By becoming the first Portuguese government since the 1974 revolution to expel Soviet diplomats, Portugal's ruling center-right coalition has again demonstrated its firm commitment to Western defense.

Western diplomats in Lisbon believe the expulsions could mark the beginning of a major reassessment of the influence and privileges the Soviet Union still enjoys in Western Europe's most fragile young democracy. With its 300 embassy employees (at least 20 of whom are believed to be working as undercover agents in close cooperation with East German intelligence), numerous journalists and trade officials, the Soviet presence in Portugal far outweighs that of any other country, with the possible exception of the United States. (OFNS)



Listening to Sadat's ban on slaughtering cattle and sheep for a month, Begin says: "Jerusalem is the last I've slaughtered." Al-Medina

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A city on the Red Sea

By Shirley Chu Mitschke

Like many other big cities around the world, Jeddah's teeming population is cos-

Apart from fellow Malaysians a population itself of Malays, Chinese, Indians and Eurasians, May Hsia's circle of friends in Jeddah also included many other mixed cou-

boy.

The English-educated Thai wife of a German manager, P. Braun, probably considers Jeddah a more convenient place to start a family life with a baby, as she is still unfamiliar with the German way of life. With a handful of diapers but a willing and child-loving Ethiopian maid to assist her, she would rather not entertain the thought of coping with a screaming baby, a new and difficult language, German in-laws and relatives and the customs and climate of her husband's fatherland, all at once. At least, not just yet.

A few months back, another Jeddah resident, a gracious Pakistani, Shahid Hafiz, married his English sweetheart and automatically joined Jeddah's colorful couples. For Shahid Hafiz, who speaks impeccable English and who has given the subject of intermarriage some thoughts, this conclusion arose: "It's not race, religion or color but entirely the cultural difference which is paramount."

In Jeddah many Asians and Westerners are able to sample the culinary specialties of the Arabian world and the Middle East.

Moreover, numerous Jeddah residents from across the Red Sea add their own recipes to blend with the wide range of a gourmet's repertoire. Even curry experts from India and Pakistan are full of praise for the Eritrean version they savored: "If the special flavor of Eritrean curry is simply sensational," one says. "If we were not in Jeddah, we would probably never get to know so many talented Eritreans, Ethiopians, Lebanese from all the wretched countries."

Market researchers and importers are quick to stock warehouses, souks and supermarkets with every conceivable variety of consumers' goods, including extravagant and exotic products, in great supplies to meet the high and increasing demand of Jeddah's sophisticated international population.

Should you not find a can of German sauerkraut in London, or was your search for a tin of Malaysian Rambutans equally futile in Paris, just drive around the corner to one of the many Supermarkets in bustling Jeddah. Chances are you'll not come away disappointed or empty-handed.

In the first place, Jeddah attracts so many foreigners because it is a boom city and a significant commercial center with an active seaport and an international airport.

The accelerated growth of this dynamic city has created not only a manpower vacuum but a widespread gap which needs to be bridged — at least until Saudi has trained its own qualified staff — by foreigners. Thus, the group of nationalities working in Jeddah is further enhanced by technicians, constructors, instructors, delegates, surveyors, pilots, architects, engineers and other specialists and experts from Arab and Western countries.

From the United States, which is already a "melting pot" an extra touch of variety is added to Jeddah's multinational scene. The startling economic take-off has also attracted Arabs from within Saudi Arabia to Jeddah.

The Bedou driving a gaily decorated taxi is a familiar sight in this city which never ceases to inspire a writer or artist out to capture the social and visual impact of such a gay collage.

Jeddah also serves as the greeting place for pilgrims, whether they arrived by ship or airplanes. There is a constant coming and going of people.

The duration of the stay for most foreigners in Jeddah is from two to four years. Some will return back to their own country. Many will just "fold their tents" and move on to far-away places in the true spirit of the nomads. No matter which direction ex-Jeddah residents might take, this beautiful bride of the Red Sea won't easily be forgotten.

And many who left Jeddah have returned. Many more will not leave Jeddah, for this city is their refuge from unemployment, starvation and war. Still others will not leave Jeddah at all, if possible, because it is a dream come true for people who have had pleasurable experiences because of their color.

One such Jeddah resident is Abu Bakar van der Schyff, an excellent sportsman and an English-educated architect. He has turned his back on his native country, South Africa, for the racial environment was suffocating him. Classified as "mixed" because a Welsh ancestor was partly Asian, he has no desire to continue living in a neighborhood where "non-whites" are practically outsiders.

Sketch by Shirley Chu Mitschke

## Multinational Population of Jeddah

mopolitan. However, at this point the similarity ends. Few other cities can compare with Jeddah when a sightseer's first impression gives way to a deeper insight of the actual relationship between various nationalities living here.

Jeddah offers a unique experience in harmonious living. Foreigners with Saudi Arabian sponsors and colleagues from the Middle East are in constant contact with one another. Field-workers, geologists, surveyors, and others are exposed to another aspect of the Arabian world where Bedouins are at home. Many Jeddah residents who work at the port for example, find themselves dealing with strong and agit Yemens.

When the day's work is done and it is time to return home, many foreigners in Jeddah find that their encounters with other nationalities are not quite over.

Many Jeddah residents still vividly remember the miniature United Nations of the family Pearce-Smith, who left Jeddah two years ago.

In the house that Nigel Pearce-Smith, a tall, pale Englishman, his wife, May Hsia, a dark Malaysian "Nonya" and their two Eurasian children lived, there was also a domestic maid from Somalia, a local driver called Mansour and a Pakistani gardener.

— Europeans, Asians, Saudi Arabians, Middle Easterners and even a South African of Indian origin.

When this couple first met, it was the Englishman's task to adapt himself to the Malaysian way of life. After their marriage, it was his Oriental wife's turn to get used to English society and the cold climate. Thus, for them both, Jeddah proved to be a neutral base.

Jeddah's inter-married couples are numerous and well-known. Ticking off names on a list of mixed couples currently residing in city, one finds the Wilcoxes (U.S. American — Filipino); the Kochs (German — Lebanese); the Komandas (Japanese — U.S. American); the Hukes (English — Singaporean); the Brauns (German — Thai); the Grobers (U.S. American — Chinese); and so on. The list is exceptionally long, with some of the names too exotic to remember, let alone to spell out after a brief introduction.

Neither in the West nor in the Far East can one find such a myriad of nationalities working and living together as is the case here.

Another house in Jeddah with at least four different nationalities living under one roof is that of the Komandas. This couple from Japan and the United States, has a Sudanese driver and an Indonesian house-

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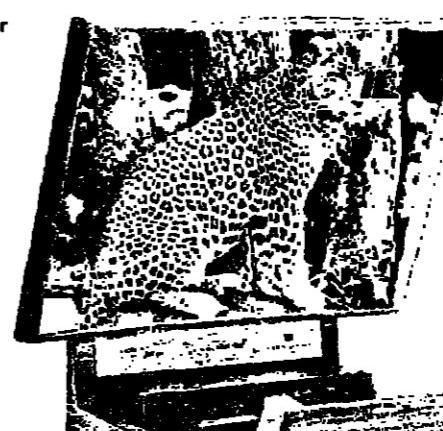
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# OPEC plans new price system, Ortiz says

**SAARBRUECKEN.** West Germany, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries plans to introduce a new price system based on the average inflation and exchange rates of industrial nations, its general secretary has been quoted as saying.

The ARD West German television network said it was told by Rene G. Ortiz that the new system, adjusting oil prices every three months, will probably be introduced by the OPEC member countries at their Baghdad summit in November.

This appeared to confirm previous reports that the new system will account inflation rates, currency exchange rates and the average growth of gross national product in the most important industrial states.

Ortiz said OPEC strategy was not to replace the dollar as the major currency on the true value of OPEC oil exports.

## On rich-poor gap

### Yugoslavia proposes global talks

**UNITED NATIONS.** Sept. 6 (AP) — Yugoslavia, attempting to break a procedural deadlock at a special session of the U.N. General Assembly, has proposed that a new round of highly level global economic negotiations be launched next January.

The proposed conference, which would aim at redressing the economic imbalance between the industrial North and underdeveloped South, "should start functioning on 12 January 1981 and should make every effort to conclude by 11 September," Bogdan Cmocnjia of Yugoslavia proposed Friday. The conference would be held at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Cmocnjia heads a General Assembly working group attempting to map out procedures for the proposed global negotiations in the areas of trade, commodity prices, development aid, energy and international financing.

The Yugoslav proposal said the conference "should result in a package agreement" and "all parties to the agreement will be committed to its implementation."



Rene G. Ortiz  
OPEC oil ministers completed a working plan to be presented for approval to a conference of OPEC oil, foreign and finance ministers scheduled for Sept. 15 and 16 in Vienna, Ortiz said.

In Caracas meanwhile, Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon said Friday, Venezuela is in favor of OPEC oil ministers meeting in Vienna later this month to discuss the current state of the oil market.

Oil ministry sources in Gulf states have said several ministers requested the special session to talk about the glutted oil market.

# Citibank raises prime rate to 12 %

**NEW YORK.** Sept. 6 (AP) — Citibank, the second-largest U.S. commercial bank, raised its prime lending rate from 11.5 to 12 per cent Friday.

It was Citibank's third increase in its base lending rate in three weeks. The move, if followed by other major lenders now charging 11.5 per cent, would bring the key business lending rate to its highest level since late June.

Increases in the cost of acquiring funds in money markets have been behind the latest prime rate increases, analysts say.

The prime rate fell as low as 10.75 per cent at a few banks in late July before a surge in short-term interest rates sent it climbing in the past weeks.

The prime lending rate is the base rate banks generally apply to business loans for their best corporate customers. Small business usually pay a percentage point or more above it.

The prime rate is widely followed as a generally indicator of interest rate trends. The prime rate rose to a record 20 percent in April in an interest rate spurt which accompanied strict credit and monetary policy by the federal reserve.

Federal Reserve Board member Lyle Gramley said that the improvement in the level of economic activity should result in higher interest rates.

## Interest rates uncertainty results in moderate trading

**NEW YORK.** Sept. 6 — Continuing uncertainty concerning the course of interest rates Friday brought sellers to the fore and sent the market lower on moderate volume.

At the close, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 7.85 to 940.96. Transports dropped 2.36 to 325.42 and utilities were down .18 to 112.78. Volume dropped sharply from Thursday's price to 38,140,000 shares. 813 issues declined, while 692 were higher.

Among the hardest hit stocks Sabine was down 2 1/2 to 57. Eli Lilly dropped 1 1/2 to 50 1/4. Kerr McGee was 1 1/2 lower at 77. Getty lost 1 1/4 to 77 1/4 and Monsanto was off 1 1/2 to 53 1/2.

On the bright side GCA and Texas Instruments each gained 3 1/2 to close respectively at 72 and 130 1/4. Homestake added 3

# Weekly Wall Street A boon for mutual funds

**NEW YORK.** Sept. 6 (AP) — The strong performance of the stock market this year has been a boon, in more ways than one, for mutual funds that invest in stocks. For the 12 months ended July 31, the Wiesenberger Investment Companies Service reports, the 488 funds it tracks posted an average gain in net asset value of 14.9 per cent.

The most volatile funds — those investing for "maximum capital gains," or aggressive growth — were up 31.9 per cent, growth funds 24.8, and those seeking a combination of growth and income 17.7.

Assets of conventional mutual funds (excluding the short-term money-market and tax-exempt funds) climbed to \$54.3 billion in July, the Investment Company Institute reports.

That marks the highest level since January 1973, when the Dow Jones Industrial average was peaking out at its record closing high of 1,051.70, just before the market began a severe two-year decline.

The fund's relatively strong showing of late has helped them attract some new money from investors who shunned them for most of the past decade.

Sales of shares in stock funds reached \$470 million in July, up 26 per cent from the June total of \$374 million. An important contributor to that trend has been the aggressive-growth funds, whose July sales of \$173 million set a record.

This revival hasn't escaped the attention of analysts who watch the funds for clues to the prevailing mood among investors and the possible future course of stock prices.

In the 1950s and 1960s, money flowing into mutual funds was considered an important source of steady demand for stocks, contributing to the market's rise during most of those years.

When funds started suffering net redemp-

tions — more money flowing out than in — about a decade ago, it was similarly regarded as a negative influence on the market. Should stock funds continue to regain popularity, the theory goes, they could help give the recent bull market some staying power.

In the holiday-shortened week just concluded the market weathered such storms as news of another big jump in producer prices and an unfounded rumor that Ronald Reagan had suffered a heart attack to post a modest gain.

The Dow Jones Industrials, which had dropped 34.13 points in the two preceding weeks from their mid-August peaks, rebounded 8.37 to 72.13.

The new York Stock Exchange composite index picked up 1.60 to 72.13, and the market value index at the American Stock Exchange rose 6.59 to 331.36.

Big Board volume continued to set a heavy pace, averaging 46.17 million shares a day against 38.90 million the week before.

Ironically, although stock mutual funds have clearly benefited from the bull market on Wall Street, the money managers who run them are behaving as though they're very skeptical about the whole thing.

While the rally has been proceeding, they have been steadily selling more stock than they have bought, and putting increased amounts of their assets into "cash." Wall Street shorthand for money-market secu-

# Jobless rate drops in U.S.

**WASHINGTON.** Sept. 6 (Agencies) — The unemployment rate in the United States edged down to 7.6 per cent in August, but wholesale food prices surged upward for a second straight month to forwardly sharply higher supermarket costs, the government has reported.

In companion reports, the Labor Department said Friday significant improvements in manufacturing for the first time this year helped lower the jobless rate from July's 7.8 per cent rate.

Department analysts interpreted the unemployment dip as a positive sign that economic activity is improving following a sharp drop in output earlier this year.

At the same time, however, the department said wholesale, or producer, food prices at the finished-goods level spurted 4.4 per cent last month, the steepest increase in seven years. That jump followed a 3.8 per cent rise in July.

While much of the food price increase resulted from drought in the Mid-Western farmland, it was certain to cause political problems for President Jimmy Carter during this election year.

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French Franc (100)	80.00	80.65
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Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50
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Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.44
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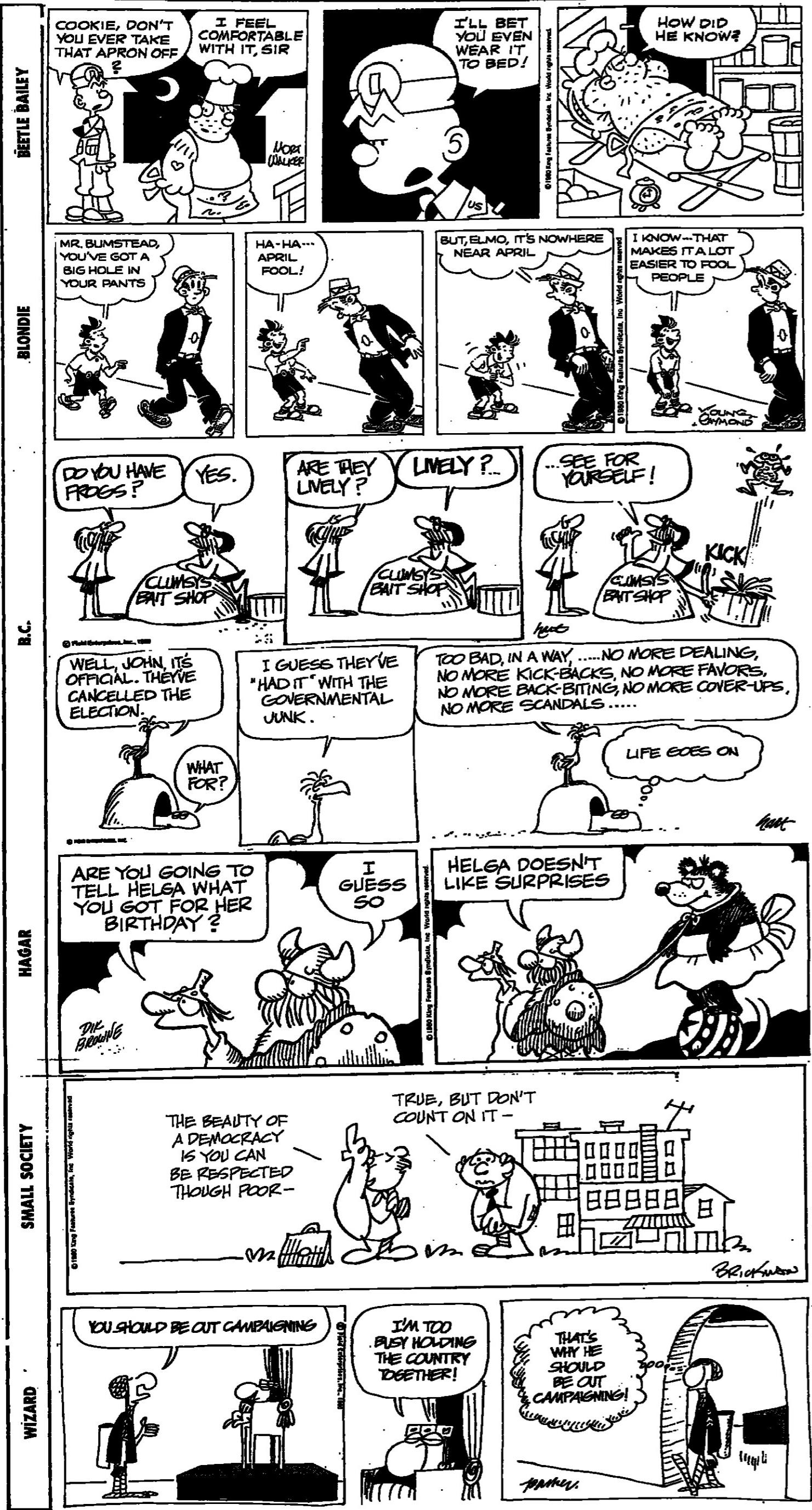
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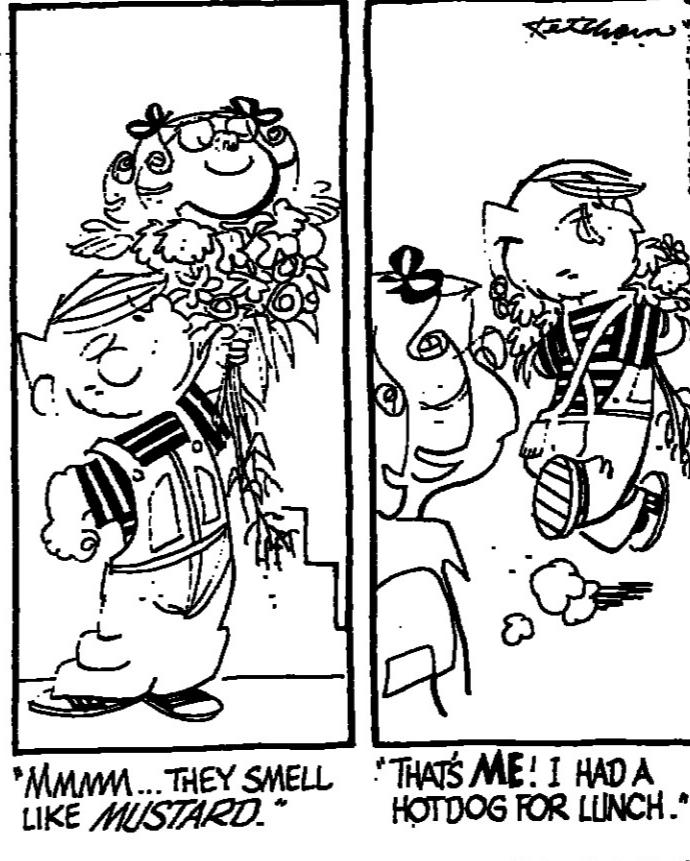
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1980



What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

## ARIES

(Mar. 21 to April 19) Don't let a change of plans throw you. The alternative should prove more than satisfactory. Enjoy creative projects and romance.

## TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20) Before the guests arrive, there could be some nervousness, but the party should go off without a hitch. You attract romance.

## GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20) You're changeable now and could revise your plans. Visits to relatives should be fun. Enjoy short pleasure trips. Relax.

## CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) Seek useful items when shopping. Local visits have romantic possibilities. You're charming now and win others' admiration.

## LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22) Someone could be tense on the homefront. You're shrewd in financial dealings. You'll want to spend time alone later with someone special.

## VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Seek peace and quiet to rest.

nerves. A time to revitalize energy. With sufficient rest you'll be in good shape for socializing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If upset by a friend's behavior, a private chat will straighten things out. A p.m. get-together may lead to romance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't act prematurely about a business matter. Get good counsel. A social get-together has both business and romantic possibilities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If unsure of the merits of a project, seek expert advice. Use care in travel. The stars are in sociability in the p.m.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Friends and money don't mix favorably now. Get accounts in order. Later, retain the company of loved ones.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Except for a brief spell, the day favors relationships. A loved one seems especially attentive. Be responsive.

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## International

### Suffers heart attack Strike-weary Gierek axed



Edward Gierek

WARSAW, Sept. 6 (AP) — Poland's Communist regime, smarting from the nation's worst labor crisis in 10 years, Saturday dismissed Communist Party chief Edward Gierek hours after he was officially reported to have suffered a heart attack.

Gierek, 67, the coal miner's son who became the party first secretary following violent labor strikes and the ouster of Wladyslaw Gomulka in 1970, was replaced by Stanislaw Kania, the Communist Party central committee secretary said to be responsible for state security.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug suggested it was Poland's labor crisis rather than heart trouble that caused Gierek's downfall. "The crisis in Poland, which began with worker strikes two months ago, has now received its resolution with changes in the party leadership ... when demands of workers were accepted and the strike did not cease, even though it was evident that the workers had won, Edward Gierek could not remain at the party top any longer," Tanjug said.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass noted Gierek's dismissal without comment, saying only that he had been relieved of office because of "serious illness."

Because of his reported security responsibilities, observers said the Soviet Union was expected to support the appointment of Kania, the 53-year-old son of a peasant farmer. A career party official, Kania is a full member of the politburo, the policy-making arm of the ruling central committee.

It was the central committee that dismissed Gierek and dropped him from his politburo post as well. The official Polish news agency PAP said the government shuffle was carried out "in connection with the serious illness of Edward Gierek."

The announcement, which made no mention of Poland's recent labor unrest, was broadcast by the state radio at 1:30 a.m., local time, following an emergency meeting of the central committee at party headquarters in central Warsaw.

Most Poles learned of Gierek's removal in morning news bulletins.

### Kania a dogged party man

WARSAW, Sept. 6 (AP) — Stanislaw Kania, who became Poland's new Communist Party leader early Saturday, is a son of peasant farmers who has been active in party affairs since the end of World War II.

Kania was born in Wroclaw in the southeastern region of Rzeszow. A graduate of the Central Committee University, he worked as a blacksmith's apprentice during World War II and joined the Communist Party in 1945. He rose slowly through local party ranks in Rzeszow and Jaslo. He took an active interest in party youth activities in his native region, and became director of the youth movement in 1952.

After a long membership in the regional

one of Gierek's allies on the politburo. At 53, Kania becomes the youngest national leader within the Soviet bloc.

Last Friday, state radio and television announced that Gierek, who has not been seen publicly since Aug. 24, had been hospitalized with "a serious disturbance" of the heart which it said he suffered earlier in the day.

The official reports said Gierek was under the care of five doctors but gave no other details. There was no independent confirmation and Gierek's whereabouts were not known.

The announcement that Gierek was hospitalized was the first official explanation for his absence from a meeting Friday of the Sejm, the Polish parliament, which Gierek had been expected to attend to show he had weathered the crisis. It was the legislature's first meeting since the settlement of strikes in Gdansk and Szczecin last weekend and in the Silesian coalfields where most miners had returned to work by Friday.

The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* meanwhile, printed a high-level attack on plans by America's huge labor union, the AFL-CIO, and the U.S. autoworkers union to set up an aid fund for Poland's fledgling independent unions.

The *Pravda* commentary was headlined, "If this is not interference, then what is?" It was signed by A. Petrov, a by-line that usually denotes Kremlin thinking. *Pravda* alleged that the aid proposal for the unions had the approval of U.S. President Jimmy Carter and that the money was being earmarked for "those anti-socialist groups in Poland that have joined, with their own 'program' of a political nature, the Polish workers demanding to resolve the socio-economic difficulties that have arisen in Poland."

The paper accused the "American reactionary trade union leaders" of seeking to "make difficult any steps by the Polish government to preserve the unity of the (Polish) trade unions."

Neither *Pravda* nor the official news agency Tass have reported the Polish government's agreement to allow Polish workers to set up independent trade unions.

As the first strikes broke out in Poland at the beginning of July, Gierek went to the Soviet Union "to rest a few days." On July 31 he met Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev on the Black Sea and Tass indicated at the time that the difficulties in Poland were discussed. After the meeting, Tass said the talks were held in an "atmosphere of complete mutual understanding."

The prudent attitude of Soviet leaders during the Polish crisis was seen by observers here as indicating they believed Gierek was the man to master the situation. The leadership here apparently hoped that by granting a few concessions he would be able to re-establish order in Warsaw.

### Congressional gust worth \$11m

### Windmills set spinning in halls of hot air

Senate earlier this month passed it by voice vote.

Energy companies like it, wind-machine companies like it, environmentalists like it, utilities see promise in it, the Carter administration supports it.

Of course the great Portuguese explorers and the Dutch canal dwellers knew about the glories of wind power long before there was a U.S. Congress and they didn't need a \$100 million first-year authorization to make dreams blow true.

Times and needs change and Congress, in its push to wean the nation from oil, is playing all the angles. Wind, it turns out, is nearer to being cost-effective than some of the glamour technology of solar and photovoltaic power.

With no apologies to pop singer Bob Dylan, Representative Norman Mineta, a California Democrat agreed the answer to problems of energy-supply really were blowing in the wind. Mineta, main architect of the bill, said it will become a "cornerstone" of alternative energy supply with an approach geared toward commercialization.

"I'm really elated," he said. "We didn't realize how cost-effective wind could be when we got into this...the bill will give a good assessment of where wind can best be used around the country and it sets goals that are not too high."

The legislation is designed to stimulate the use of wind energy to generate electricity and mechanical power, through large and small turbine devices, and reduce dependence on petroleum and other fossil fuels.

Grants and loans for researchers and manufacturers of wind energy machines are the guts of the program, which will be administered chiefly by the Department of Energy.

The legislation calls for study and monitoring of wind system prototypes, with the aim of developing a program of such sophistication that the federal government could turn it all over to private

industry after eight years.

Although some of the country's largest companies — Boeing, General Electric and Hamilton Standard, for example — are moving quickly to perfect large wind energy systems, Congress thinks the future of wind lies on the side of smallness.

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A British windmill

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### E. German air chief held as spy

PARIS, Sept. 6 (AP) — The former chief of staff of the East German Air Force was arrested last month in northern France and has been charged with espionage, French officials said Saturday.

Counter-espionage agents arrested Gen. Heinz Bernhard Zorn, 68, Aug. 19 in Lille. He was found carrying French military information, particularly pertaining to tanks and anti-tank weapons, an interior ministry spokesman said.

Officials said Zorn arrived in France alone on a tourist visa at the beginning of August and immediately was put under surveillance. He was arrested on a Lille street and found to be in possession of military documents. Officials did not reveal where Zorn obtained the documents or if any other foreigners or Frenchmen were involved.

The East German was transferred immediately to Paris under the custody of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire, the French counter-espionage agency. Six days later, he was brought before the state security court and charged with espionage, officials said. He presently is being held in Fleury Merogis Prison in the Paris suburbs.



ON THE BALL: Zimbabwe Home Affairs Minister Joshua Nkomo shows his soccer form in a benefit game against the African Chamber of Commerce at Butembo.

(AP photo)

### Can't lose, can't win

### Soviets face Afghan standoff

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP) — More than eight months after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, the Russians appear to be in no danger of losing, nor of winning, according to European diplomatic and military analysts. No early end to the apparent standoff is foreseen.

Fearing that the Moscow-supported regime in Afghanistan was in danger, the Soviets moved heavy tank, artillery and ground forces into the country in late December last year. Moscow apparently counted on a quick success.

Western authorities estimated at the time that the Soviets had put about 100,000 men into Afghanistan. Last month the Soviets announced a limited withdrawal of forces, with estimates running from about 6,000 to 10,000.

Western intelligence sources in Europe believe that now there are approximately 80,000 Soviet military in Afghanistan and perhaps 30,000 poised on the Soviet-Afghan border. The U.S. State Department puts the Soviet force in and around Afghanistan at about 115,000 to 120,000.

The withdrawal in June is pictured by Western military analysts as a simple restructuring of Soviet forces to make them more efficient and adaptable to counter-insurgency. Heavy artillery and air defense were considered "overkill" against lightly armed, elusive insurgents.

Western military specialists feel that this Russian redeployment still has not done the trick. One official in Brussels said: "The Soviet Union would have to pump at least 400,000 troops into Afghanistan if it wanted to quell armed opposition completely. It's an enormous country and the Soviets have gotten themselves into mess."

Analysts at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), an independent, London-based research organization, agree that the Russians are in trouble, but in no danger of defeat.

Because of tight restrictions on Western diplomats and journalists, an overall view is difficult to obtain. IISS specialists feel that the Soviet strategy is to hold the main cities and towns and one or two vital logistical bases, and to keep roads and communications open among them a relatively easy task. With

### Continuous oxygen fights lung disease, U.S. research shows

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP) — Patients with severe lung impairment live longer if they get continuous oxygen treatment, than do they if they receive only nighttime therapy, according to a federally funded study.

The report, published this week in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, refutes some earlier evidence which indicated the shorter duration therapy was just as good as round-the-clock oxygen.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which sponsored the \$4 million study, said the trial shows that continuous oxygen treatment should be the routine course in treating these severe breathing difficulties.

"With these results, I think it would be ethical to recommend the continuous treatment," Dr. Claude Lenfant, director of the institute's lung disease division, said in an interview.

The three-year study involving six medical centers tested 203 volunteers who had chronic obstructive lung disease. Their condition was so severe that the lungs could no longer supply enough oxygen from the air to meet their bodies' needs.



OLDEST MAN? Wu Yungang, said by Peking sources to be 142 years old, rides a bicycle at his village in northwest China. Wu says the secret of longevity lies in optimism, exercise and moderation.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

I am often accused of being hard on women. In preparation, here is a sketch of a certain kind of husband — you know the one, the man who, if his loving wife lights up her ten fingers as candles for him, would only say, "mind they don't drip on the carpet." And you can be sure if they did drip he would ask her immediately to stop fooling around with candles and get the mop out quick.

A man like that is usually not hard on merely his wife but on the human race as a whole. He would be the one who says ruefully that the good things in life are, for some mysterious reason, illegal, immoral or fattening. Which brings us to his attitude toward his wife's cooking. Naturally, the poor woman is judged by the exacting standards of his dear departed mother — a paragon of arts culinary. Since the lady in question is no more, the wife does not have the option of arranging a cooking duel and letting third parties decide the issue.

Let the happy couple invite guests for dinner and the man is sure to note that the guests really liked only those dishes which were least difficult to prepare. Two of them, he would swear, must have had exactly the same kind of food for lunch — or how would you explain their glazed eyes and generally unenthusiastic manner when the table was being set?

Such a man extends his ire to his child. The "little darling," he says sarcastically, appears to mess up only the clean parts of the house — never the parts already messy. He would try his hand at the theory of relativity as well. A minute spent waiting at the door of the bathroom, he explains angrily to his wife, is about three hundred times as long as one spent within the wretched place.

I am sure you have one or two friends like that. You have my sympathy.

Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*

### Tehran presses Soviets to quit Rasht consulate

TEHRAN, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — The Iranian Foreign Ministry has given the Soviet Union 48 hours to agree to close its consulate in the Caspian Sea port of Rasht, state radio reported.

The ministry, in a note delivered to the Soviet Embassy in Tehran Friday, also instructed Moscow to complete the transfer of consular activities to the central Iranian city of Isfahan within one week, the radio added.

The ultimatum marked a further decline in relations between the neighboring countries, and followed Iranian demands that the Soviets close either their Rasht or Isfahan consulates.

Friday's note removed the element of choice and came 10 days after Iran's ambassador to Moscow "suggested" to the Soviet government that the Rasht office should be the one to close.

The Soviet Embassy said this month that it intended to close the Isfahan consulate and transfer it to Rasht. But the note repeated previous Iranian assertions that the consulate-general should remain in Isfahan, where most of the 2,000-strong Soviet community is involved in the building of a steel plant and a power station.

Rasht, where only 200 Russians live according to Iran, is a center of left-wing activity. Closure of the consulate there would "alleviate the suspicions of the Iranian people concerning Soviet plans in the zone," Mohammad Ali, Iran's envoy in Moscow, told the Soviet government last month.

In another development, Iran's official Pars news agency said that a recent letter from U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie urging the release of the American hostages contained an implicit admission of U.S. interference in Iran.

Muskie's letter to Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai, delivered here last Sunday, has not yet been published, but its general contents were reported on Wednesday by America's ABC News and confirmed by State Department officials. In a commentary, Pars quoted the letter as saying that if the hostages were released, the United States would not interfere in Iran's internal affairs.

"This statement is, in fact, an admission of U.S. interference in the domestic affairs of Iran, which is now an open secret all over the world," the agency said.

Pars also quoted Muskie as saying that if the hostages were freed the U.S. would recognize the revolutionary regime of Iran, with which Washington maintained diplomatic relations until more than a year after the revolution.

Also, United States civil rights campaigner Dick Gregory, who has been in Tehran since April fasting for peace, said he would be returning to New York via Paris, or Switzerland.

The black comedian said he was returning to New York because of a sudden urge.